THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes. The general approach of Government in countering the effect of the sanctions is to try to get a better understanding of our position on the part of other countries and also encourage private capital flows to substitute for whatever deduction takes place in official flows. To this end, the Government is pursuing its stated policies of encouraging inflows of foreign direct investment, of NRI flows and assuring that our economic situation is strong and such as to create confidence in the financial markets.

(c) Does not arise as India is not on any IMF programme.

Appointment of auditors for non Banking and Finance Companies

4520. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India's empanelled Auditors are being appointed for non-banking and other finance companies registered with the Reserve Bank of India.

(b) whether there is any move to bring these financial institutions under Reserve Bank of India control to make them accountable to the shareholders;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a meeting of Reserve Bank of India was held with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India to review the part played by the auditors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The control exercised by the Reserve Bank of India over the non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) is in the interest of credit system of the country and the depositors of the NBFCs.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The RBI has reported that the auditors have been asked to certify certain statutory Returns to be submitted by the NBFCs and authenticity of the financial information reported in the registration application to the RBI. The RBI has also asked the auditors to make a report to the Board of Directors of the company in respect of:

(I) status of registration application made by the NBFC.

(II) whether the provisions of NBFC Directions have been complied with, if the company has accepted any public deposits.

(III) whether the provisions of the NBFC Prudential norms (Reserve Bank) Directions, 1998 have been complied with by the company in respect of the provisions applicable to the company and whether the company has furnished the required information to Reserve Bank of India in this regard.

(IV) whether the company has been complying with the prescribed liquidity requirements in case it has accepted public depostis, etc.

Further it is obligatory on the part of the auditors to bring to the notice of RBI the non-compliance of any of the provisions of RBI Act, and the Directions issued thereunder in so far as these are applicable to a particular company.

Income Tax Return Forms

4521. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of income tax return forms of different categories to be filed after filling in by the tax payers;

(b) the cost of various forms, formwise;

(c) whether any cost is involved to complete this process; and

(d) whether government have any plan of simplify these forms in the days to come?

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